

**Western Folklife Center  
America Works Project**

**Interview Log**

**Gayle McCoy**  
**interviewed by Charlie Seemann**  
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**Terms & Lingo from Interview**  
*extracted by Steve Green*

backhoe	[heavy equipment]
blade	[heavy equipment]
boom	[increase in mine business]
BTU	[British Thermal Units]
CB whip	[Citizens Band radio antenna?]
compactor	[heavy equipment]
crusher	[mine site facility]
dozer	[heavy equipment]
drill	[heavy equipment]
electric shovel	[heavy equipment]
floor	[mine site location]
gas shop	[mine site location]
Geiger counter	[device to measure radioactivity]
graveyard	[night shift]
hydraulic shovel	[heavy equipment]
layback	?
loader	[heavy equipment]
man camp	[temporary mine worker quarters]
mill	[mine site facility]
MSHA	Mine Safety and Health Administration
new hire	[new employee]
ore bodies	[mineral deposit]
probe hand	[job title – seeking uranium ore]
rig	[heavy equipment?]
rotating shift	[type of work shift]
rubber-tire	[heavy equipment]
scraper	[heavy equipment]
slurry	[liquefied by-product?]
tailings dam	[dam associated with mine site]
the pit	[mine site location and feature]
top pit	[mine site location and feature]
XM	[XM satellite radio]